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SUBJECT: WFC FOLLOW-UP

REF: ROME 11596

1. CONCUR FULLY THAT PRESIDENT TANCO SHOULD INFORM WFC
MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IN WRITING OF PRIVATE MEETING HE HELD
WITH HEADS OF DELEGATIONS DURING 4TH MINISTERIAL SESSION.

2. WITH REGARD TO SPECIFIC POINTS IN DRAFT SECRETARIAT
LETTER AND FODAG RECOMMENDATIONS, WE HAVE FOLLOWING
COMMENTS:

A. AGREE ON WFC RECEIVING REPORTS OF OTHER AGENCIES BUT
WOULD STRESS HAVING THESE IN WRITING AND SUPPLEMENTED BY
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BRIEF ORAL COMMENTS, WHEN NECESSARY;

B. QUESTION VALUE OF MINISTERS USING THEIR LIMITED TIME
TO REVIEW CASE STUDIES OF SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS;

C. CONCUR THREE-DAY SESSION BUT WOULD DELETE FIELD TRIP
CONSIDERATION AND INVOLVE MINISTERS THEMSELVES IN

PREPARATION COUNCIL REPORT. OTHERWISE WE RISK FALLBACK TO SITUATION TANCO TRYING TO CORRECT;

D. BELIEVE COUNCIL MIGHT DO WITHOUT PREP COM IN MOST YEARS, DEPENDING NATURALLY ON AGENDA AND SECRETARIAT ABILITY TO FINALIZE DOCUMENTATION SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE OF SESSION. ON OTHER HAND, WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH PREP COM AS OUTLINED PARA 4 REFTEL WHICH WOULD BE OF BRIEFING RATHER THAN DISCUSSION NATURE.

E. AS TO FINAL RESULTS OF FUTURE MEETING, WE BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL THAT COUNCIL CONTINUE TO MAKE POSITIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO UN SYSTEM. THIS CAN BE DONE BY SIMPLE RECOMMENDATIONS IN A REPORT; NO FULLY AGREED MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON "DECLARATION" WOULD BE NECESSARY. WHERE AGREEMENT CANNOT BE OBTAINED REPORT SHOULD BRIEFLY AND OBJECTIVELY STATE AREAS AND NATURE OF DISAGREEMENT.

3. AGREE GUIDELINES WILL LIMIT SCOPE OF AGENDA. OF NUMEROUS IDEAS FOR FUTURE WORK, WE SUGGEST FOLLOWING AS HIGHEST PRIORITY:

A. CONSIDERATION OF FOOD PRODUCTION PROPOSALS PREPARED BY SECRETARIAT FOLLOWING SEPARATE REVIEWS BY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, EXISTING AND POTENTIAL DONORS AND MAJOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.
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B. REPORT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES BEING DEVOTED TO AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;

C. REPORT ON EFFORTS TAKEN SINCE THE 4TH MINISTERIAL TO REDUCE MALNUTRITION AND IMPROVE CONSUMPTION; INCLUDING REPORT ON MEASURES UNDERTAKEN BY GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO ERADICATE VITAMIN A DEFICIENCY AND ENDEMIC GOITER;

D. REVIEW THE CRITICAL FOOD-POPULATION BALANCE AND WHAT GOVERNMENTS ARE DOING TO MEET THE OBJECTIVES OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 9.

4. WHEN TANCO INFORMED MINISTERIAL OF RESULTS PRIVATE MEETING, HE INCLUDED NEED FOR HIGHER LEVEL REPRESENTATION FROM MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS. THIS POINT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN DRAFT LETTER REFTEL. VANCE

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